**Share of HP from Power Projects of BBMB**

2261. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received for 7.19% share in Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) Power Projects to Himachal Pradesh in accordance with the Provisions of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with action taken thereon and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Government of Himachal Pradesh in a Memorandum submitted to Government of India had claimed a share of 7.19% in power generated from Bhakra Nangal and Beas Projects under the control of Bhakra Beas Management Board. This claim is based on the transfer of population to Himachal Pradesh consequent upon coming into force the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966 (31 of 1966). The Government of Himachal Pradesh has filed an original Suit (No. 2 of 1996) under Article 131 of the Constitution of India in June, 1996 in the Supreme Court. The matter is, now, sub-judice.

**Free Power to H.P. from Central Power Projects**

2262. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received for 12 percent free power to Himachal Pradesh as State Share from Central Power Projects in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) action taken on such requests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Government of Himachal Pradesh had represented for allocation of 12% free power from Central Sector Hydoelectric Projects, namely : Baira Suel Hydroelectric Project (180 MW) and Chamera Stage-I Hydroelectric Project (540 MW) of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation located in Himachal Pradesh.

The Government had conceded the demand of Himachal Pradesh and issued Order on 05.09.1994 allocating 12% free power to Himachal Pradesh from the aforesaid Central Sector hydel projects.